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TAGS: ETRD, GATT, RO, FI

SUBJ: POSSIBLE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH FINLAND

REF: (A) STATE 46047, (B) BUCHAREST 1106

1. MENTION IN REFTEL B OF GOR BEING "UNHAPPY" WITH
GATT HANDLING OF OTHER EASTERN EUROPE FREE TRADE
AGREEMENTS (FTA) WITH FINLAND RELATES TO FACT THAT
GOR EXPECTED GATT TAKE FIRM POSITION ON FINNISH FTA'S
AND DISAPPOINTED THAT GATT HAD NOT TAKEN STRONGER STAND.
GOR UNDER NO ILLUSION THAT FINNISH FTA'S ARE REALLY
THAT. GOR NOW REEXAMINING POSITION TO SEE IF IT COULD
BENEFIT FROM FTA WITH FINLAND. IN MEETING REPORTED
REFTEL B, DUMITRESCU STATED THERE WAS NO REASON FOR
ROMANIA TO BE "HILIER THAN THE POPE."

2. IN SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH FINNISH EMBOFF,
ECON COUNSELOR WAS ADVISED THAT ROMANIANS AND
FINNS RESUMED TALKS FEBRUARY 15-16 ON POSSIBLE

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FTA. MEETINGS APPARENTLY COVERED MOST OF SAME GROUND
AS IN SEPTEMBER 1976 HELSINKI TALKS. GOR REPORTEDLY
CONCERNED ABOUT EFFECTS FTA WOULD HAVE ON CONTINUATION
OF GSP FROM U.S. IN TALKS, GOR WANTS FINNS INCLUDE
PROVISION CLASSIFYING ROMANIA AS LDC AND TO ACCORD
ROMANIA GSP. NO DATE SET FOR SECOND ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IN LIGHT OF SECTION 502 (B)(3) OF
TRADE ACT WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT WE
SHOULD BE ADVISING ROMANIANS.
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